(b) if so, the fact in this regard and number of delegations of such officers sent abroad during the last three years for the same; and

(c) the names of the States from where delegation of such officers were sent abroad and number of such officers alongwith the posts occupied by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The nominations of Government officers for various training programmes abroad are made by the Department of Personnel and Training as well as by the different Ministries/Departments concerned as per the Ministries' own needs/requirements. These training programmes also include nominations made to the training programmes sponsored by other countries. The nominations for various training programmes in all the different Departments/ Ministries are not monitored centrally.

Creche for employees

2567. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are running any creche in the North or South Block to look after the children of its employees working there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for failure of providing such a basic amenity to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Grih Kalyan Kendra (GKK), a registered society receiving grants-in-aid from the Department of Personnel & Training, runs creches in office premises on consideration of the demand received from the concerned office/employees. No such request for opening a creche in the office premises in North and South Block has been received by GKK.